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**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Hearing
Minutes of October 04, 2010**

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Ken Christiansen, and Malcolm Allison

Absent: Charlie Gargaly (representing the Swasey School Board rep.) ,Bob Mantegari, Jeff Bryan, (Select Board representative), Tracy May.

Meeting had no quorum and we were unable to vote on any items or issues.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

WELCOME

1. Correspondence and communications to committee – passed around the 2010 Final Legislative Bulletin, and a catalog for ordering. Elyse and Malcolm will check to see if the publications are already available and/or if it would be in everyone's interest to request a subscription/membership. We believe Julie already gets the publications.

OLD BUSINESS

2. September 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes need to be approved. Tracie distributed them by email to committee members but we did not have a quorum and were unable to vote on accepting the minutes..

RE: Meeting minutes reminder. Going fwd these will be available to the committee and Julie Stevens in DRAFT form within 48 hours of meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elyse distributed a copy of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) Employer Normal Contribution rates for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. The town will be required to increase pension and medical subsidy contributions per RSA 100-a:16,II (b) and (c) formulae. Julie provided Bud Comm an overview of additional costs this year.
- Elyse attended the Selectman's meeting last week during which the Dept Heads discussed budget projections. There do not appear at this time to be any large projections or CIP. The only possible is an extension of the highway shed, but probably not in this budget season. Also, the price of gas and salt may be a cause for concern but rates have not yet been set.
- Revenue projections are running about where expected at this time. Elyse will ask Phyllis to provide a list of bank owned properties to get a sense of the community's economic stress and to help us set goals going forward.
- Select board provided 2011 budget requests for Executive Office and for Legal, which we reviewed and will discuss at the next budget meeting. We also reviewed Budget Committee budget expenses to date.

- Select board also provided us with a schedule of Budget appointments for the coming several weeks.
- Elyse provided a 2009 trust funds and capital reserves statement. There were several comments and questions- she will invite Howard Cadwell to meet with us to discuss and provide updated information.

3. Updates

- a. From Board of Selectmen (Jeff) Not available
 - b. From School Board (Charlie) Not available
 - c. From ERCSD Coop Board (Elyse)
 - i. Because of retirement contribution hikes, there will likely be upwards of 2.5% increase in this budget. Teacher salaries are unknown as the Exeter Regional Co-op op teacher contract for CMS and EHS teachers is being negotiated this year.
 - d. Malcolm provided feedback and a written report on his Budget and Finance Workshop on September 21, 2010. (Copy attached)
4. Other from floor/public input
- a. None

Ken/Bill made the motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm without further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

William (Bill) Faria